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I oppose this bill.

As a Father, coach and player on fields not only in my home town of East Haddam but throughout the state we are allowing an over-zealous pursuit of removing reasonable use of pesticides to prevent and eliminate harmful insects from fields and parks. The damage these pests cause result in fields that cause permanent injury to ankles, knees and lower backs of young athletes. Even more so to adult athletes that have more challenging recoveries.

As a middle school soccer coach I have watched millions of dollars of taxpayer investment deteriorate to dust bowl status because we have no cost effective way to fertilize and protect our investment in athletic fields as well as having to change an entire style of play because the turf at many fields was so badly damaged by grubs.

I am quite sure that there is a reasonable process for limiting the use of harmful pesticides and still allowing for preventive doses so these valuable resources can serve their purpose in a safe and comfortable way.

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